

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takeshi BANDO et al.

Serial No.: 09/319,741

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: June 11, 1999

Examiner: Niki Marina Eloshway

For: CONTAINER WITH A HINGED LID

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of June 6, 2002, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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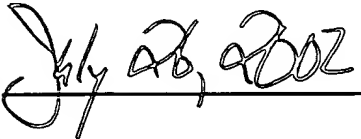
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Sir:

[X] Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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